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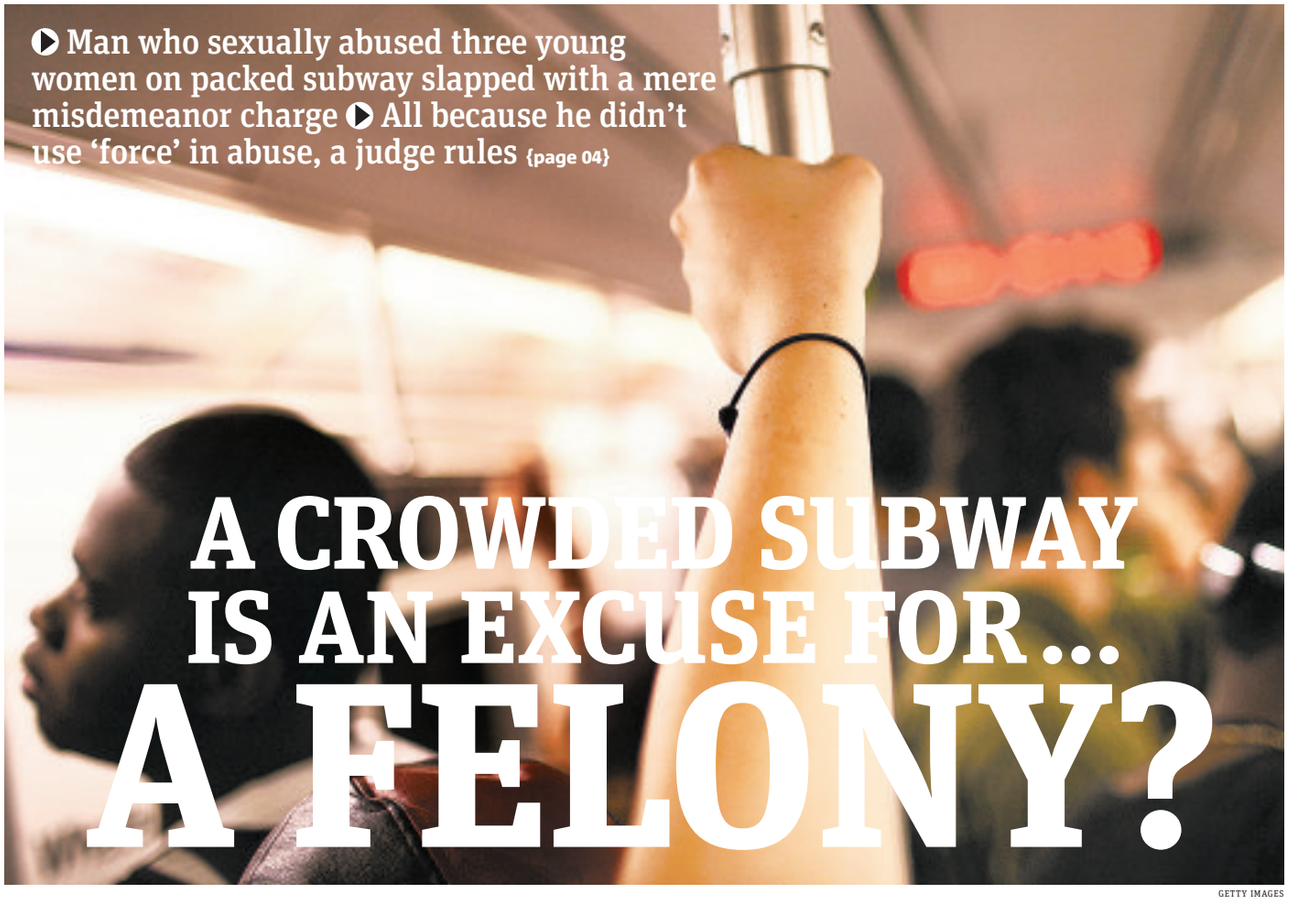

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▶ The driver of the stolen Hummer was arrested at the scene. The Hummer was reportedly stolen from the front of Jay-Z's nearby 40/40 Club, where President Barack Obama was scheduled to attend a fundraising dinner last night hosted by Jay-Z and Beyonce.

JEREMY SPARIG/METRO

Stolen Hummer causes chaos in Chelsea yesterday

Eight people were injured — four of them seriously — when a stolen Hummer being chased by police crashed near 23rd Street and Seventh Avenue yesterday. Police in the area tried to pull the driver over when the Hummer was spotted going the wrong direction down Sixth Avenue at around 2:15 p.m. After the driver refused to stop, police gave chase, and the Hummer collided with a taxi and an MTA bus on 23rd Street. The vehicle also plowed into a RUB BBQ restaurant at 208 West 23rd St. METRO/CG

Couple accuses restaurant of anti-gay bias

WEST VILLAGE. A couple is suing a chain of Asian restaurants for allegedly canceling their wedding party because it was a same-sex event. Barrett Greene and Thomas Eng said Amber Village was supposed to cater their rehearsal dinner and wedding, but the event was canceled after restaurant employees said they did not want "gay parties," according to the Daily News. METRO/AB

MTA bus driver hit and killed by car

EAST NEW YORK. An MTA bus driver died yesterday when he was struck by a car on his way to work. James Neverson, 63, was heading to his bus at a Brooklyn bus depot when he was hit by a car at around 9 a.m. in East New York. Neverson was across the street from where the buses are held when he was hit at Alabama and East New York avenues. METRO/AB

In the news

Body of scuba diver found

Police announced yesterday they found the body of a man who went missing after he went scuba diving off Rockaway Beach over the weekend. Yevgeniy Glebov, a 29-year-old Staten Island resident, went scuba diving Friday. Yesterday, his body, still wearing his wet suit, mask and flippers, was found in the ocean by Harbor Patrol just off Beach 227th Street. A spear gun was still attached to his chest. METRO/CB

In the news

Barclays countdown

Ten days until the Barclays Center opens in downtown Brooklyn! Every day until the Sept. 28 opening, Metro will offer a tidbit about how to enjoy Barclays. For a quick bite before the show, stop by Bark Hot Dogs on Bergen Street, suggests Sam Pocker, founder of Concert Ticket Agency. After all, what's more Brooklyn than artisanal fast food?

Cubicle blues: New York ranks low in worker happiness poll

If you can make it here, you can make it anywhere — or, at least in Irving, Texas.

That's just one of the cities where young professionals are more satisfied than workers here in New York, a new survey revealed Monday.

The CareerBliss.com data reported that the atmosphere of a company is the biggest driving force in whether workers are happy — not necessarily the size of a paycheck.

And in New York, that atmosphere appears to be lacking. Workers ranked low in questions asking about rewards and support in the workplace. California cities dominated the list, with Los Angeles, San Jose and Sunnyvale at the top. Also smiling more than Manhattan cubicle drones? Workers in Atlanta and Indianapolis.

The research was based on 38,000 employee reviews during 2011 and 2012, according to CareerBliss. They surveyed workers with fewer than 10 years of experience in a full-time position, asking about factors like company growth and co-worker relationships.

Cities where workers report being more unhappy are Miami, along with Texas cities Plano and Houston.

New Yorkers agreed that the city can be a challenging place to work.

"I think it's exciting," said Jessica Farina, 25, who works in finance. "But I know a lot of people who come to the city, especially from other cities, that it's too much. It's too fast-paced, it's too much pressure."

For the Chelsea resident, the fast-paced atmosphere can be a plus, she said.

On the cons list, however, might be commuting from outside the island or the big-city prices.

"It's an expensive city," she added. "I feel like compensation never actually keeps up with the expense."

Do you think it's easy to be happy at your job here in New York?

"I think it depends on your personality. New York took a while to get used to. It was definitely different, but being able to get to work via the train and not have to spend an hour on the train ... It's a lot more of a convenient city to live in, and I think that makes me a little bit happier at my job."

— HILLARY LIKOS, 23, FLATBUSH, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

"I'd say no. I think the people are just rude. I work in the medical field. They're always just upset and angry about everything. It kind of affects your mood. ... The pay [is better]. I did compare — Florida for example. Over there I think it's about $12 compared to New York is about $20, hourly."

— MELISSA GARCIA, 30, FORDHAM, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

"It's a big city, but it's a lonely city. If you don't know people in the city you're going to be [unhappy]. It depends on where you work. One of the best parts about living in the city is you go out every night during the week. [But, compensation] barely keeps up with rent."

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Courts: Subway perv free to ride rails

Man masturbated on three women on the subway But since he didn't use force, was charged with only a misdemeanor and is now out on probation Public advocate Bill de Blasio and Hollaback want a tougher law

A man is back on the streets, and free to ride the subway, after he was convicted of masturbating on three young women during their morning commutes.

Darnell Hardware, 27, took advantage of the packed rush-hour crowds on New York City subway cars to rub himself against women who were unable to move due to the crowded train, said prosecutors with the Manhattan district attorney's office.

He would ejaculate onto the women before fleeing the train car through closing doors. His victims were 24, 22 and 17 years old.

Hardware was convicted of his crimes, but a Court of Appeals judges ruled last week that he will get three years of probation, plus one year of jail time already served. That's because Hardware's crimes were ruled misdemeanors, and not felonies.

"There is little possibility of escape on a crowded, over-capacity train or bus, and victims are restrained and threatened in this environment as surely as if a perpetrator were using force. This fact is not lost on sex offenders."
PUBLIC ADVOCATE BILL DE BLASIO AND HOLLABACK

A felony charge could bring up to seven years in prison.

Despite the DA's pushes over the past decade to be able to charge so-called "subway grinders" as felons, the courts refused to allow it in Hardware's case, because they say he did not use actual physical force against his victims.

The court's decision is based on a ruling from a 2002 case where a court threw out felony charges against 300-pound Jason Mack, who was guilty of masturbating on a 14-year-old girl while she was riding the subway to school.

At that time, the court's decision was based on a claim that the incident did not involve the threat of physical violence. Last year, state Sen. Bill Perkins introduced a bill to allow felony charges to be brought against offenders with two prior convictions. The bill passed in the Senate but was killed by the Assembly.

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▶ Sexual abuse on a crowded subway car should be a felony, some argue.

DANIELLE TCHOLAKIAN/METRO

Subway incidents

Darnell Hardware's victims were average New Yorkers on their way to work and school.

- The first incident occurred at 8:15 a.m. on June 25, 2002, when Darnell Hardware attacked a woman on the uptown 4/5 between 14th and 42nd streets. She was 24 years old and on her way to work.
- On June 1, 2005 at 6 p.m., Hardware attacked a 22-year-old EMT on her way home from work. She was on the uptown 1 train north of 96th Street.
- His third victim was a 17-year-old girl on her way to school. She was on the uptown 4/5 train on December 9, 2005 at 7:30 a.m.

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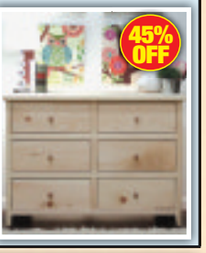

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NYC overtakes London as hottest real estate market

Tax increases on luxury homes in London make some now eye The Big Apple ◗ Man behind Europe's most expensive apartment complex looking for prime NY real estate ◗ City's luxury market buoyed by overseas buyers

Nick Candy, the London property developer who helped conceive the most expensive apartment complex in Europe, is on the hunt for New York prime real estate after the U.K. raised taxes on luxury homes.

"New York is definitely catching up," Candy, 39, said in an interview. "Could it overtake? Yes, if our government continues to make absolutely disgraceful decisions on the real estate market in this country."

"It's much more attractive to invest in New York than London," he added.

London may lose its appeal for luxury developers because of tax increases and the prospect of further levies, said Candy, who helped create One Hyde Park with his brother.

"(New York) is an international city. It's more entrepreneurial than London."

BRITISH DEVELOPER NICK CANDY

Prime Minister David Cameron targeted the wealthy to pare a record budget deficit by increasing a transaction tax to 7 percent from 5 percent on homes sold for more than $3.2 million.

Luxury properties in both the U.K. capital and New York are selling for record prices. A furnished home in One Hyde Park sold for 7,500 pounds a square foot last year.

A duplex penthouse under construction on Manhattan's West 57th Street went under contract for as much as $9,000 a square foot, or more than $90 million, earlier this year. The building, One57, will be the borough's tallest residential tower.

"There's a lot of parallels with London," said Jonathan Miller, president of New York-based appraiser Miller Samuel Inc. "The big thing over the last year and a half is the proliferation of trophy purchases."

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NYC's luxury properties being snatched up by foreign buyers

Manhattan's luxury-home market is being buoyed by wealthy overseas buyers, particularly those from Europe and Asia, said Jonathan Miller, president of appraiser Miller Samuel Inc.

"Luxury housing is the new global currency," he said.

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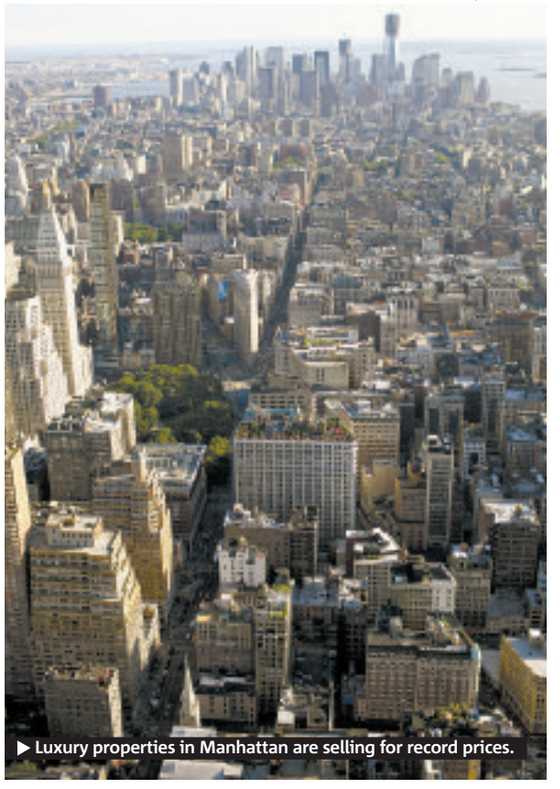

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'Dirtiest city in America': NYC

New York City ranked dirtiest out of 20 other top cities in America Chicago rated the cleanest, says Travel + Leisure magazine New Orleans, Baltimore also rank high as filthy

New York's nit and grit has earned it the title of dirtiest city in America.

Travel + Leisure magazine looked at twenty cities, and our down-and-dirty town landed at the top of the list. New York came in at No. 5 on the list last year, but apparently the city didn't do much to clean up its act this time around.

Developments like the MTA's initiative to remove trash cans from subway stations might seem like a contributing factor at first glance. But the MTA actually reported an increase in cleanliness at the first two stations from which the trash cans were removed.

Alas, there are plenty of other dirty little details that New Yorkers have come to accept: rats, roaches, bed bugs, curbside trash and smog, just to name a few.

New York is tops for a lot of things, including being ranked No. 1 for dirtiest city in America.

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New Orleans, Baltimore and Los Angeles joined New York City near the top of the list as downright filthy.

Chicago was rated the cleanest of the 20 cities, followed closely by Phoenix and Anchorage, Alaska.

This isn't the first time NYC has earned itself an unfavorable title. Last year, Travel + Leisure named it the rudest city in the country, though that may have been a point of pride for some New Yorkers.

It's not all bad, though.

The magazine's readers also ranked New York No. 1 for theater, stylish locals, and luxury stores.

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Fewer trash cans means cleaner subway stations?

In an effort to make New York's subway stations cleaner, the MTA is trying a little reverse psychology: Fewer trash cans on the subway means less trash piling up.

The MTA announced last month that it is expanding its trash-can removal program to eight more stations for the next six months, two apiece in every borough except Staten Island.

The program, which originated in two stations last fall, is based on the notion that less trash in the subway system will mean fewer rats in the subway system. The MTA first removed trash cans from the Flushing-Main Street stop on the 7 line and from the 8th Street R stop.

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Obesity rates in US set to soar by 2030

If Americans stick to their eating and exercise habits, future historians will look back on the early 21st century as a golden age of svelte.

Using a model of population and other trends, a new report released yesterday by the Trust for America's Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation projects that half of U.S. adults will be obese by 2030 unless Americans change their ways.

The "F as in Fat" report highlights the current glum picture of the U.S. obesity epidemic, in which 35.7 percent of adults and 16.9 percent of children age 2 to 19 are obese, as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported earlier this year.

But for the first time, the report builds on state-by-state data from the CDC to project obesity rates. In every state, that rate will reach at least 44 percent by 2030. In 13, that number would exceed 60 percent.

Obesity raises the risk of numerous diseases, from type 2 diabetes to endometrial cancer, meaning more sick people and higher medical costs in the future, the report said. **REUTERS**

7.9M

It projects as many as 7.9 million new cases of diabetes a year, compared with 1.9 million new cases in recent years.

Weight-loss surgery health benefits also have costs

Obese people who have weight-loss surgery gain at least six years of health benefits that include fewer diabetes cases and lower cholesterol and blood pressure. Even so, their medical costs didn't drop.

While the advantages linked to diminished fat were found to be durable over six years in a study published today, a second report tied the surgery to complications such as gallstones and anemia that raised how much patients spent over the same time. The research was included in an obesity theme issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Over 500 million people worldwide are obese, according to the World Health Organization. **BLOOMBERG**

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▶ Obesity rates among U.S. adults have more than doubled from the 15 percent of 1980. In that same time, they have more than tripled among children.

In the news

French court bans sale of Kate photos

PARIS. A French court opened a criminal investigation yesterday into charges that photographers and France's Closer magazine breached the privacy of Britain's Prince William and his wife, the Duchess of Cambridge, by publishing topless photos of her.

In a scandal that has incensed much of the British public and rekindled a debate on privacy laws, lawyers for the royal couple are seeking damages from the weekly gossip magazine over its publication of the photos in a five-page spread on Friday.

The court in Nanterre said it would investigate whether there are grounds for criminal charges against Closer. **REUTERS**

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▶ The Fed has tried to help the sector by lowering interest rates.

US home lending hit 16-year low in 2011

The volume of U.S. home lending dropped 10 percent last year to the lowest level since 1995, highlighting the government's uphill battle to prop up the still-struggling housing sector.

The Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, a group of U.S. regulators, published data yesterday showing 7.1 million home loans were made in 2011, down from 7.9 million the previous year.

The data, which includes mortgages, refinancing and home improvement loans, showed that loans to purchase a home, as well as refinancings, fell.

Refinancing of home loans dropped 13 percent during the year, while new mortgages dropped 5 percent, the FFIEC said in a statement.

However, the Federal Reserve, one of the regulators involved in collecting the data, noted that refinancing activity surged late in the year as interest rates fell.

The Fed's analysis highlighted the government's struggle to prop up the still-depressed housing market, which has held back the economy's recovery from the 2007-2009 recession. **REUTERS**

Infant formula additive blamed in infant deaths

Seven babies died after being fed an additive used to help thicken infant formula or breast milk, U.S. regulators said.

The seven deaths were among 21 premature infants and one born full-term that developed inflamed intestines after they were given SimplyThick, the Food and Drug Administration said in a consumer update yesterday. The product is a thickening gel designed to help premature babies swallow food and keep it down, said Benson Silverman, director of FDA's Infant Formula and Medical Foods Staff.

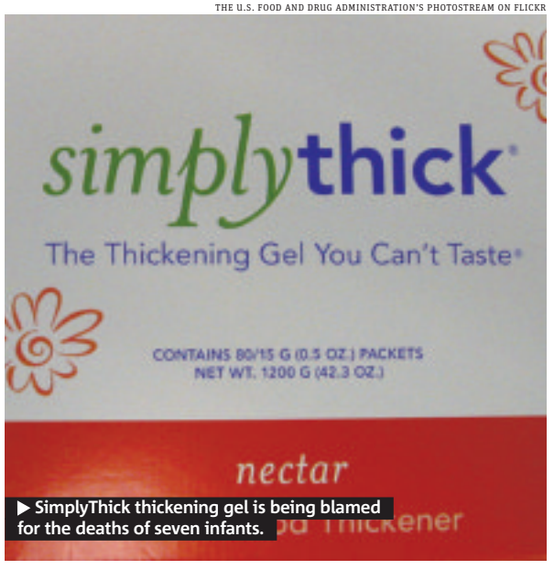
The agency first warned in May 2011 against feeding SimplyThick to premature babies because it may cause a tissue inflammation known as necrotizing enterocolitis. The FDA is expanding the warning today to infants of all ages. Further study is needed to determine if a link between SimplyThick and the condition exists, FDA said.

21 One full-term and 21 premature infants developed inflamed intestines as a result of the additive, regulators claim.

The product, made by the company SimplyThick LLC of St. Louis, is available to consumers and at medical centers, according to the FDA. It is sold in individual serving packets and in 64-ounce dispenser bottles, which can be purchased from distributors and pharmacies. A phone message left at SimplyThick wasn't returned.

Older kids and adults use the product to help with swallowing problems. **BLOOMBERG**

THE U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION'S PHOTOSTREAM ON FLICKR



▶ SimplyThick thickening gel is being blamed for the deaths of seven infants.

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German gov't tells 80M people to stop using Internet Explorer

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▶ The German government has warned against the use of the Internet Explorer browser.

The German government urged its public yesterday to temporarily stop using Microsoft Corp's Internet Explorer Internet browser following discovery of yet-to-be repaired bug in the web browser that the software maker said makes PCs vulnerable to attack by hackers.

The security flaw, which affects hundreds of millions of IE browser users around the globe, publicly surfaced over the weekend.

Microsoft had said on Monday that attackers can exploit the bug to infect the PC of somebody who visits a malicious website and then take control of the computer.

The German government's Federal Office for Information Security, or BSI, said that it was aware was aware of targeted attacks and that all that was needed was to lure Web surfers to a website where hackers had planted malicious software that exploited the bug in Internet Explorer to infect their PCs.

33%

Internet Explorer was the world's second-most widely used browser last month, with about 33 percent market share, according to StatCounter.

"A fast spreading of the code has to be feared," the German government said in its statement.

BSI advised all users of Internet Explorer to use an alternative browser until the manufacturer has released a security update.

Officials with Microsoft did not respond to a request for comment on the move by the German government.

The company late on Monday urged customers to install a piece of security software as an interim measure, buying it time to fix the bug and release a new, more secure version of Internet Explorer.

Microsoft did not say how long that will take, but several security researchers said they expect the update within a week. **REUTERS**

In the news

Pa. Supreme Court returns voter ID law

PHILADELPHIA. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court ordered a lower court yesterday to reconsider its decision upholding a new state voter ID law, saying it should be blocked if voters would be shut out this Election Day by hurdles to obtaining ID cards.

The court battle over the law passed last March by the Republican-led legislature in Pennsylvania is being watched closely on both local and national levels.

Supporters of the voter ID law say it is aimed at ensuring that only those legally eligible to vote cast ballots. Critics say it is designed to keep minority voters, who typically vote Democratic, away from the polls. **REUTERS**

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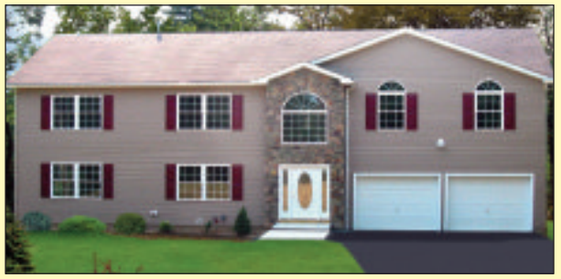

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Apple shares surpass $700 mark as iPhone 5 orders beat all records

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▶ iPhone sales last quarter alone reached $16.2 billion, 33 percent higher than Google Inc.'s total and almost as much as Microsoft Corp.'s $18.1 billion in revenue.

Apple Inc.'s shares surpassed $700 as record first-day orders for the latest iPhone fueled optimism that the company will keep generating the revenue growth that transformed it from a niche computer manufacturer into the world's most valuable business.

Shares climbed less than 1 percent to $701.91 at the close in New York, for a market capitalization of about $658 billion. The stock has advanced 73 percent this year.

The iPhone 5, which features a bigger screen, faster chip and a lighter body, sold 2 million units in first-day orders, more than double a record set by the previous model, Apple said. Since its 2007 debut, the device has become Apple's top-selling product, accounting for about two-thirds of profit. Signs of robust demand reinforced expectations that Apple will withstand accelerating competition from Samsung Electronics Co. and Google Inc. in the $219.1 billion smartphone market.

"It leaves me in awe," said Rex Ishibashi, chief executive officer of Callaway Digital Arts Inc., which develops games for the iPhone. "It's reflective of how important these devices and these digital technologies have become in our lives."

Apple's surge gathered steam Sept. 14, after it began taking orders for iPhone 5. Apple's website said new orders wouldn't ship until Sept. 28, a week after the handset is due in stores, an indication that supply may be running thin.

2M
The iPhone 5 sold 2 million units in first-day orders.

"The initial batch is sold out," Shaw Wu, an analyst at Sterne Agee & Leach Inc., said in an interview. He raised his sales estimate for the quarter ending in September to 26 million units, from 23 million. "We think that could turn out to be conservative." **BLOOMBERG**

Arctic sea ice thaw may be accelerated by oil, shipping

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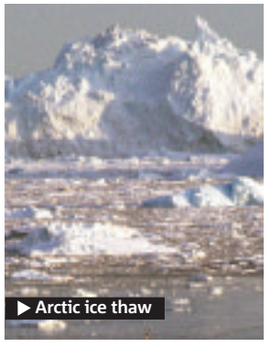

▶ Arctic ice thaw

Local pollution in the Arctic from shipping and oil and gas industries, which have expanded in the region due to a thawing of sea ice caused by global warming, could further accelerate that thaw, experts say.

The United Nations Environment Programme said there was an urgent need to calculate risks of local pollutants such as soot, or "black carbon", in the Arctic. Soot darkens ice, making it soak up more of the sun's heat and quickening a melt.

Companies such as Shell, which this week gave up a push to find oil this year in the Chukchi Sea as the winter closed in, Exxon or Statoil say they are using the cleanest available technologies.

But the risks of even small amounts of pollution on the Arctic Ocean, emitted near ice with little dispersal by winds, have not been fully assessed.

The extent of sea ice on the Arctic Ocean has shrunk this summer to the smallest since satellite records began eclipsing a 2007 low. **REUTERS**

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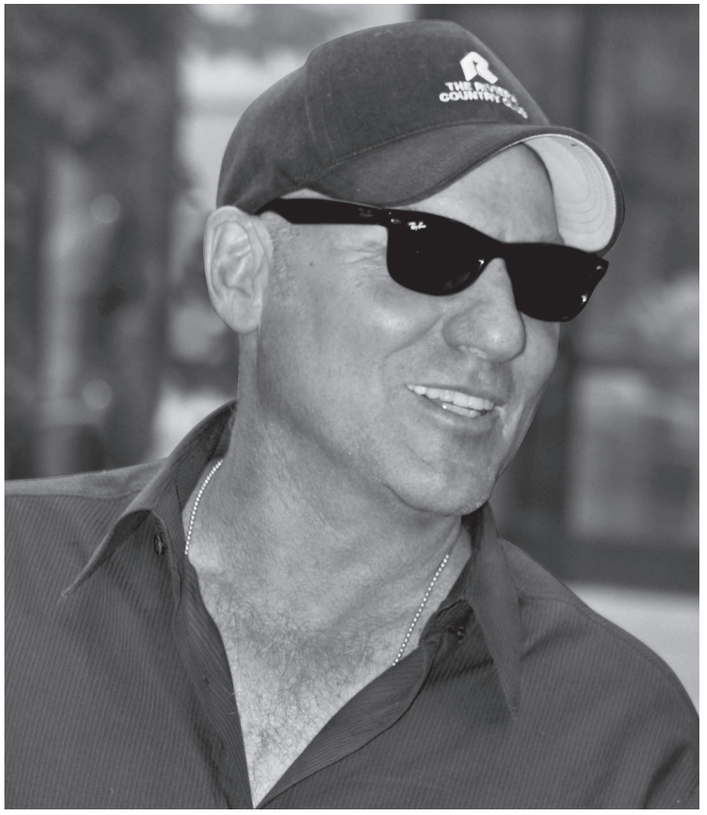

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Palestine video more trouble for Romney

Republican presidential candidate caught on video saying Palestinians don't want peace with Israel ◆ Video fuss overshadows domestic issues

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▶ Latino protesters march by the hotel where Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney is scheduled to attend a fundraising event in Salt Lake City.

Already reeling from a secret video showing him deriding 47 percent of the U.S. electorate, Republican Mitt Romney's campaign hit more trouble yesterday when new images surfaced in which he accused Palestinians of not wanting peace.

The videos, taken at the same closed-door fundraiser in Florida in May, have knocked Romney's gaffe-plagued campaign even more off stride and raised fresh questions about whether he can come from behind in the polls and win the White House in November.

"I look at the Palestinians not wanting to see peace anyway, for political purposes, committed to the destruction and elimination of Israel, and these thorny issues, and I say there's just no way," Romney said in the latest video clip published by liberal Mother Jones magazine.

Quoted

"I look at the Palestinians not wanting to see peace anyway, for political purposes ..." ROMNEY

On the West Bank, Palestinians said Romney was wrong to accuse them of not seeking peace.

"No one stands to gain more from peace with Israel than Palestinians, and no one stands to lose more in the absence of peace than Palestinians," chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat told Reuters. "Only those who want to maintain the Israeli occupation will claim the Palestinians are not interested in peace."

The videos fuss overshadowed an effort by Romney's campaign to offer more economic-policy specifics and issue a set of hard-hitting new TV ads to address rising worries from Republicans about the direction of his campaign. REUTERS

Romney's 47% include elderly, poor workers

Elderly Americans and low-wage workers make up the bulk of those who don't pay income taxes, a group that Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney said are "dependent on government" and see themselves as "victims."

For 2011, 46 percent of households didn't pay federal income taxes. (Romney said it was 47 percent.) About half of those didn't pay because of standard deductions and personal exemptions designed to exclude subsistence levels of income from taxation.

The rest received tax breaks, including the earned income tax credit, the child tax credit and tax benefits for older Americans such as the exclusion of Social Security benefits from income. This group still paid state and local taxes and payroll taxes.

"Half of them are people that are just plain-old poor," said Roberton Williams, a senior fellow at the Tax Policy Center, a nonpartisan group in Washington. "And the other half are people that aren't very far out of that poor category, but get some tax breaks." BLOOMBERG

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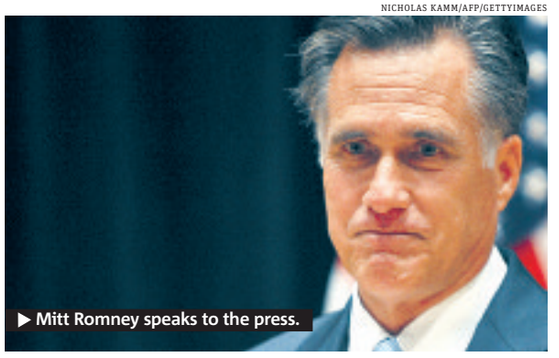

▶ Mitt Romney speaks to the press.

Romney: Remarks 'not well stated'

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney said on Monday that disparaging remarks he made about supporters of President Barack Obama in a secretly filmed video were not well stated, but he did not back away from them.

"It's not elegantly stated. Let me put it that way," Romney said at a hastily arranged news conference in California to respond to his latest stumble on the campaign trail.

In the video Romney was shown telling fundraisers he has no way of attracting support from 47 percent of U.S. voters because they are dependent on government and pay no taxes.

"I'm sure I could state it more clearly and in a more effective way than I did in a setting like that," Romney said.

However, he did not back away from his comments and said it was a message that he would continue to carry.

"Frankly, my discussion about lowering taxes isn't as attractive to them, and therefore I'm not likely to draw them into my campaign as those in the middle," he said.

"This is really more about the political process of winning the election, and of course I want to help all Americans have a bright and prosperous future and I'm convinced that the president's approach has not done that and will not do that." REUTERS

Who's being taxed on what?

- About 46 percent of U.S. households paid no federal income tax in 2011, according to the Tax Policy Center, a centrist think tank in Washington, D.C.
- However, almost two-thirds of those who paid no income tax did pay employment tax to support the Social Security pension program and the Medicare health-care program, the center said.
- Employment, or payroll, taxes are regularly withheld by employers from the paychecks of working Americans. Employment taxes hit the poor harder than others because they are a fixed percentage of individual income.
- Households that do not owe federal income tax are still subject to state sales taxes and property taxes. REUTERS

News in brief

Obama drops to 5% lead over Romney

President Barack Obama's lead over Republican Mitt Romney narrowed to 5 percentage points in a Reuters/Ipsos poll released on Monday, from a high of seven points in the week after the Democratic National Convention.

With just 50 days before the Nov. 6 election, Obama led the former Massachusetts governor by 48 percent to 43 percent among likely voters in the online poll conducted September 12-17. In a similar poll last Thursday, he led by 48 percent to 41 percent.

"My takeaway is that it's pretty decent news for Obama that his bump is sustaining so long and he may be turning the post-convention bump into a lead," said Ipsos pollster Julia Clark.

In a shift in recent days, Americans also gave a small edge to Obama on the crucial topics of jobs and the economy, as they feel less nervous about economic conditions.

Thirty-seven percent of registered voters thought Obama had a better plan for the economy, compared with 34 percent who favored Romney on the issue. Obama led 36 percent to 35 percent on the issue in a poll released last Thursday. REUTERS

Court: Tax-exempt groups can keep mum on donors

A U.S. appeals court ruled on Tuesday that tax-exempt groups spending millions on election-time ads this campaign season can keep their donors secret, turning aside an attempt by a Democratic congressman to force disclosure.

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Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Our picks for '50 Shades' stars

E.L. James knows who she wants in the film adaptation of her bonkers-popular "50 Shades" trilogy, but she's still not telling.

On Monday's "Katie," James told **Katie Couric** she's narrowed it down to seven actors to fill the roles of **Ana Steele** and **Christian Grey** but no contracts are signed — yet.

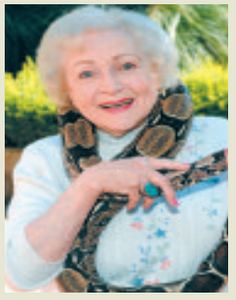
"It's a sort of collaborative effort. There's a studio. There's a production company. There's two producers, and at some point there's going to be a director, so I'm sure everyone will have an input into that. I have three people who could play Christian," she told Couric. "And I think four who could play Ana, and I'm not going to tell you any of them."

So who should star in the sure-to-be blockbuster film? We have a few suggestions:

Anastasia Steele

Emma Watson

Watson's name pops up again and again for the role of the shy Ana and for good reason: She can already carry a huge franchise and she needs to tackle more "adult" characters. And what's more grown-up than being tied up in "the red room of pain"?



Betty White

Deep down, you know White is no stranger to S&M material.

Anna Kendrick

Kendrick plays young and vulnerable extremely well. And she could (possibly!) make lines like "You are the state lottery, the cure for cancer, and the three wishes from Aladdin's lamp all rolled into one" sound, well, non-laughable.

Christian Grey

Alexander Skarsgard

Eric the vampire gets my vote to play the billionaire playboy, but will he accept it? The role would make Skarsgard a household name but might be too low-brow as he tries to establish a serious film career.

Philip Seymour Hoffman

Wild card!

Ian Somerhalder

Somerhalder's name has been thrown around more than most others. That, or else his publicists are really good at making it seem like he's a frontrunner.

Talking points

Can't stop their vampire love

Not even a cheating scandal can keep **Kristen Stewart** and **Robert Pattinson** apart, as sources tell the Sun that the "Twilight" co-stars are back together. "They pretty much decided they couldn't live without each other. Kristen poured her heart out to Robert and told him it was a one-off and a mistake," a source says of Stewart's being caught cheating with her "Snow White and the Huntsman" director, **Rupert Sanders**. "Rob sees it as Kristen made a really stupid mistake. After a lot of long tearful talks, they've worked it out."

Victory for the nips!

Kate Middleton and her husband, **Prince William**, have won their first court victory in the wake of Closer magazine publishing topless photos of Middleton, according to The Guardian. A French court has ordered an injunction preventing any further use of the images by the publication. The photos must be handed over within 24 hours, and the magazine's publishing company will be fined $13,000 a day if it publishes more of them or sends them to a third party. A separate criminal investigation has been launched to see if the magazine violated William and Kate's privacy by publishing the photos. A guilty verdict could lead to jail time for Closer's editor.

The Flying Tomato lands in jail

Snowboarder and Olympic gold medalist **Shaun White** was reportedly arrested for public intoxication in a hotel in Nashville, Tenn., though he

was briefly hospitalized before heading to jail. White reportedly trashed his hotel room, and when hotel staff confronted him, he set off several fire alarms and attempted to flee on foot, eventually falling and hitting his head. He was booked on counts of public intoxication and vandalism.

Bynes locks herself in dressing room

As stories of her erratic behavior mount, **Amanda Bynes** apparently has no plans to enter rehab despite reports earlier this week that she would, according to E! News. After having her car impounded Sunday, Bynes has been using taxis and car services to run errands around town, including a shopping trip in West Hollywood during which witnesses say she locked herself in a store dressing room for two hours and "wouldn't stop talking to herself."

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The feed ...

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Katy Perry is optimistic, Nathan Fillion isn't following his own advice, Carrie Fisher is keeping up with current events, and Garry Shandling is tired.

@katyperry
I can feel the phoenix rising.

@NathanFillion
Never read your reviews. Sage advice. ...well, off to find some reviews.

@CarrieFFisher
Guy who made anti-Islam video is allegedly porn director and former PCP maker. He gives ex-drug dealers a bad name.

@GarryShandling
I'm in that "not fully awake yet, state." Give me a head's up if I need to be.

Carrie Fisher

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Red carpet men from this week

1 **Liam Neeson** popped up at the "Taken 2" press conference at the Hyatt Hotel on Monday in Seoul, South Korea.

2 **Psy** visited "Extra" at The Grove on Monday in Los Angeles.

3 Actor **Jake Gyllenhaal** arrived at the premiere of Open Road Films' "End of Watch" at Regal Cinemas L.A. Live on Monday in Los Angeles.

4 Recording artist/actor **Ray J** attended the "Rickey Smiley Show" premiere at The Buckhead Theater on Monday in Atlanta.

5 **Dev Patel** attended the Burberry Prorsum show at London Fashion Week on Monday.

6 **John Travolta** attended the "Savages" photo call at Hotel Adlon on Monday in Berlin.

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▶ "KISS has a philosophy few other bands have," says Simmons, far left, "and that's to give the fans bang for their bucks."

Gene Simmons talks KISS fans, No. 1 albums and why only the best are allowed on their stage, which he calls the Electric Church, of course

For almost four decades, the iconic circus collectively known as KISS has been thrilling the masses, with their trend-defining, still wildly absurd amalgam of muscular, no-nonsense rock music and dark fantasy theatrics. Now, after an up-and-down history that saw their legacy rise, fall and rise once more, KISS are not only deeply ingrained in the collective pop culture fabric, but they are at the top of their creative game.

Their latest album — the 20th studio album, in fact — is called, appropriately, "Monster," and while not due in stores until mid-October, the band hit the road this summer, demolishing stages across the U.S. and Canada with fellow hard-rockers Motley Crue. "The Tour," as it's boldly calling itself, condenses both bands' performances into two 90-minute sets, but, as KISS co-founder and media gadfly Gene Simmons insists, KISS won't be skimping on any of their patented blood, bombs and pyro.

"KISS has a philosophy few other bands have," says Simmons, who is 62 and still swinging from wires and vomiting gore.

"And that's to give the fans bang for their bucks. Not just our show, but making sure anyone on the bill with us is worthy of being on hallowed ground, the Electric Church, the KISS stage. For us, the power and the bombast and, yes, the roar of the crowd and the smell of the greasepaint is what it's all about."

What KISS are also all about is the way the band has transcended the fate of many of their classic-rock ilk who are content to tour the hits and pander to the generation that first found them. Instead, a typical KISS audience contains a cross section of fans of every age, with KISS Army lifers sharing space with kids, their faces painted to honor their larger-than-life heroes.

"The KISS Army is a living, breathing thing," says Simmons, who has never been known for a lack of confidence.

Combine that with international omnipresence, sold-out stadiums and an anticipated new album, and Simmons has every right to brag.

"We have every intention of making 'Monster' a No. 1 album," Simmons states matter-of-factly. "If you're a world champion, and if you have the heart of a lion, you will stay in the ring. If not, pack up and go home."

Shout it out loud

Simmons says he always enjoys the way KISS fans get in the spirit for concerts.

▶ "You can't put your finger on it. Through the decades, the fans have always showed up wearing our makeup, some of them tattooed with our faces all over their bodies, and now, with children in tow, who are named after our songs. And when we do the KISS KRUISE in Halloween in the Bahamas, it's a gathering of the tribes."

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COUNTRY STRONG

Connie Britton steps into the boots of a hardworking recording artist on 'Nashville' How this non-singer was able to find her voice

ABC/KATHERINE BOMBOY-THORNTON

▶ Connie Britton stars as Rayna James on "Nashville." The series premieres Oct. 10 at 10 p.m. on ABC.

It's a risk to hinge a show named "Nashville," detailing the ins and outs of the record business in Music City, on an actress who has no professional singing experience. If the actress is Connie Britton, however, that's a gamble worth taking.

Britton is a calm powerhouse onscreen, bringing strength and complexity to roles on "Friday Night Lights" and "American Horror Story," both of which earned the Boston native Emmy nominations. On her new ABC series, Britton plays Rayna Jaymes, a country queen whose singing career has recently hit a speed bump. She's presented with the option of co-headlining a tour with the genre's hot new thing, a Taylor Swift-like pop tart (Hayden Panettiere), which sets up the show's central rivalry. But here you'll also find family drama that blurs into corrupt local politics, broken love stories and music — such good music! — from the offices on Music Row to the tiny stages at such storied venues as The Bluebird Cafe.

In anticipation of the "Nashville" premiere, we passed Britton the mic, and she sang the praises of her new series.

What made you say, "This is a role I have to play"?

Rayna is a really, really strong character. She's a self-made character and she's a survivor. It's an interesting thing to watch where she finds her strength; she just pulls from whatever she knows to keep going. She supports her family and she has created this career not out of folly, but because she really needs it as a woman and as a person kind of moving away from her [father's legacy] and creating her own path. Rayna has lived a life with her band members and she's had a relationship with the head of her band and now she's in this marriage. There's a lot of backstory, and I don't want to give it all away.

"I certainly don't feel old and I'm not interested in playing old. I don't want it to be about one woman versus another woman. I think what our two characters represent is two people in very different phases of their life and different phases in the music business." BRITTON

How much does the established artist versus young upstart conflict between Rayna and Juliette Barnes (Panettiere's character) play into the overall plot?

I never saw the show in those terms, and I'm working hard to not have the show become about [a young-versus-old rivalry], because I certainly don't feel old and I'm not interested in playing old. I don't want it to be about one woman versus another woman. I think what our two characters represent is two people in very different phases of their life and different phases in the music business. Our show is called "Nashville," and a big part of that is the music business. And so I think our two characters are a gateway into that story.

How will their relationship play out?

Knowing Rayna the way I do, I think that there's going to be redemption for everybody involved. I'm always interested in that.

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Q&A

Do you intentionally look to play strong women?

I try to play such different characters, but there's always one strong intent, and that is to play women in a way that portrays them as powerful and true and complex and comfortable in their own skin, even in the midst of crisis and chaos, whatever form that takes. In TV we have a lot of opportunity, we're seeing a lot of really strong women characters on television. But I like to play a strong woman who is also accessible and vulnerable and has a lot of the same qualities as most women do. I think that people appreciate that, and my hope is to keep doing that.

Giving voice to a music icon

Connie Britton's singing experience before "Nashville" was much more of a personal hobby than anything professional. So to play the role of country superstar Rayna Jaymes, the actress began taking voice lessons and has teamed with the show's music supervisor, superstar producer T-Bone Burnett.

"I call him the voice whisperer," Britton says of Burnett, "because he has this amazing [ability] to bring out the voice in people that he works with."

Britton calls the experience "an immersion" into country music.

"I'll go and spend maybe three or four hours in his studio, and we'll do everything from just listen to music and talk about music and talk about the music that Rayna would listen to. Then we decided to start a band, so we just sit down and he plays guitar and we sing."

But don't expect to see Britton and her new musician pals playing a packed concert venue near you anytime soon.

"There would have to be such an enormous level of growth in my self-confidence for that to happen," she says, laughing. "Never say never — but almost never."

Also on Wednesdays

'Animal Practice'

Justin Kirk plays a misanthropic veterinarian with a monkey sidekick. If your current Facebook update is some variation on a cute animal picture, video or inspirational message, set your DVR now. **8 p.m., NBC**

'Guys with Kids'

From executive producer Jimmy Fallon comes this comedy about three loving dads who don't want to lose their "dudeness" just because they're wearing Baby Bjorns. Just don't get the baby bottle mixed up with the beer bottle, guys. **Premieres Sept. 26, 8:30 p.m., NBC**

'Chicago Fire'

"Law & Order" creator Dick Wolf brings his crime-of-the-week storytelling to Chicago, where the heroes are firefighters and paramedics and the foe is a dramatic inferno — when it's not the bickering members of the firehouse themselves. Eamonn Walker, Jesse Spencer and Taylor Kinney star. **Premieres Oct. 10, 10 p.m., NBC**

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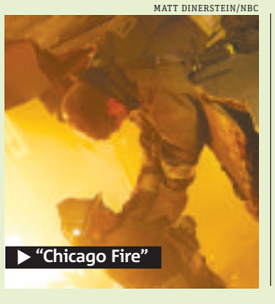

▶ "Chicago Fire"

'Arrow'

The CW

As rich party boy-turned-vigilante, Stephen Amell brings depth beyond a broody stare to DC Comics crime fighter Green Arrow. He's also got muscles — the kind of six-pack that could make Ryan Gosling feel flabby — courtesy of the most jaw-droppingly insane workout regimen ever to appear in a television pilot. **Premieres Oct. 10, 8 p.m., The CW**

'The Neighbors'

So the neighbors in an idyllic suburban neighborhood turn out to be aliens. Don't forget that we once all bought the idea of a vampire, Frankenstein monster and werewolf living the quintessential American life over on Mockingbird Lane. **Premieres Sept. 26, 9:30 p.m., ABC**

Elizabeth Olsen: past, present and future

This 'it girl' may be on the way to big things, but first she reflects on her start in acting and her latest film, Josh Radnor's 'Liberal Arts'

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▶ Elizabeth Olsen stars with writer and director Josh Radnor in "Liberal Arts," in theaters now.

For someone who hails from a Hollywood family, you'd expect Elizabeth Olsen to have some modicum of pretension about her. Older sisters Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen have, after all, created a fashion empire, part of which bears her name (clothing line Elizabeth and James, after herself and their brother). But when this Olsen enters the room at the Crosby Street Hotel in New York, she settles into a chair, peeling off a blazer because "you can't see sweat stains anymore" and smiles. Her publicist cringes.

Shortlisted as one of the rising stars of Hollywood, Olsen received heaps of praise for her role in last year's dark indie film "Martha Marcy May Marlene." But it wasn't until the script for writer, director and actor Josh Radnor's film "Liberal Arts" came across her desk that Olsen felt as though she had arrived.

"'Liberal Arts' became the first movie that I actually made the choice to do, whereas all the other movies that I've done were all like 'thank you, thank you, thank you for giving me a job,'" the actress admits. "So 'Liberal Arts' is, like, starting movies where I was like, 'Oh, I think I'd like to do that.'"

In the film, Olsen plays a coed who falls for Radnor's character, Jesse, someone 17 years her senior. He finds her at his old alma mater where, in part, he returns for the nostalgia for a better time in his life. Interestingly, the 23-year-old actress seems to have a keen awareness of aging herself.

"I write letters to myself for the future," she says. "I read one from when I was in seventh grade to my graduating-senior-high-school self, and that was so crazy because you feel like you're in a parallel universe where little you is still existing and you're talking to older you and you guys are existing at the same time. It's really crazy."

As for Olsen's future, expect to see her in upcoming dramas "Therese Raquin" and "Kill Your Darlings."

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Learning from 'The Master'

Amy Adams chats about her work with celebrated director Paul Thomas Anderson and why she's not concentrating on her latest film's Scientology angle

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▶ The inner circle of "The Master" poses for a photo.

Amy Adams learned a lot on "The Master" — most surprising of which was probably how funny reclusive director Paul Thomas Anderson really is. "I thought it was going to be a very serious experience. And although we definitely delved into serious subject matter in the scenes, the experience of working with him was a lot more fun than I expected," she says.

The film, in which Adams plays the devoted wife of a charismatic cult leader (Philip Seymour Hoffman) wary of her husband's latest disciple (Joaquin Phoenix), has piqued curiosity because of its supposed similarities to the early days of Scientology and L. Ron Hubbard. But Adams says she isn't wading into that pool of discussion. "I guess that's for people to discover on their own. I didn't think about it a lot, nor was it something that I explored at great length when going into it," she says. "I always say, 'See the film, and then if that's something you're interested in, sort of finding the parallels, then you'll find the parallels.' But I just see it as more of a character study. I don't think that Paul was trying to make a movie about Scientology."

And when she says see the film, she means it. At the Toronto International Film Festival premiere of "The Master," Adams stayed glued to her seat even though it was the second time she'd seen it. "I hadn't seen it with an audience and everybody kept saying you need to see it twice," she says. "I'm typically too self-conscious to watch films that I participate in, but the first time through, I have to be honest, I did not clock my performance. It was so much more about where the film took me than how I felt about what I was doing."

Adams admits that working with Anderson and her co-stars caused more than a few "pinch me" moments. "It's surreal at times. I have to keep myself relatively grounded when I'm working or else I'll freak out," she admits. And one of the most surreal moments? Filming a scene in which Phoenix's character suddenly sees all the women at a party naked. "That was one of the weirdest nights of my life because I was right at [waist] level," she says. "The reason that it was so surreal for me is that typically when we see women naked in our society, aside from in life, they're acting like they know they're naked. Here the idea is that we're all acting like we have clothes on. So to see women of all ages and body types jumping around and dancing and very unself-consciously presenting themselves, that was so surreal because you just don't see that."

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Twitter unveils an improved new look

Twitter CEO Dick Costolo went on NBC's "Today" yesterday morning to announce a new look for profile pages on the social network and a new iPad app plus updated iPhone and Android apps.

"We rebuilt Twitter for iPad from the ground up to make it fast, beautiful and easy to use," Costolo said.

"Today"'s website explains:

"What's the biggest change? There's now a huge header image that runs across the top, sort of like the banner image that Facebook users have on their timelines. The page itself has been reoriented to play up other visuals as well: Your avatar is no longer tucked in the corner, but will display front and center. The photo stream, too, has been moved up, and will now be accessible on the apps."

In a release from Twitter, the company said the upgrade represents "our mobile-first strategy." The company says that if you upload an all-new header photo on Twitter's mobile apps or on Twitter.com, "the same image will appear whenever anyone views your profile on these apps or the web. These new profiles are available for everyone."

Twitter also updated its iPhone and Android apps to support new profiles and photo streams:

"Swipe through the stream to see the photos that other users have shared, or tap any thumbnail to view their photos in fullscreen."

The announcement also includes a new iPad app. Like Twitter for iPhone and Android, this new version of Twitter for iPad also supports new profiles and photo streams.

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London Fashion Week

Old-world glamour at LFW

1 Burberry Prorsum: It's not the norm for a heritage fashion house to embrace modernity and innovation with such ease, but Burberry's creative director Christopher Bailey did just that with his spring outing. The British brand live-streamed the show, which was held in the park, in their Regent Street store, and in real-time on the Web. What the multiple audiences got to see was a collection centered on the theme of "Corsets and Capes." The look — ruched satin corsets stretched taut, perfect white capes, capelets, ombre coats and dresses, peplums and pencil skirts — all arrived in intensely vivid brights and metallics, while the trench coat came in multiple incarnations.

One thing is for sure: Bailey hasn't run out of ideas when it comes to reworking Burberry's rich artisan history — albeit with a little help from the digital age.

2 Temperley London: "I love the idea of fashion's return to elegance and what it means today — do we still have the time to dress properly, be poised or be brave enough to make that consistent statement rather than searching for the new all the time?" said Alice Temperley of her Spring collection. In short, the Temperley girl does, and rightly so. Her show was delightfully beautiful — referencing '50s couture and actress Sophia Loren. Temperley's inspiration translated into red satin and striped organza, digitally printed dresses in china blue and crystal embroidery, decadent jumpsuits, intricate Jacquard pieces, ornate lace dresses and striking Patricia Underwood hats.

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Tony Dovolani of 'DWTS' talks dancing for health

The pro spills on everything from stretching to superior shoes

Dancer Tony Dovolani took time out of his hectic "Dancing With the Stars" schedule to talk to us about how your Saturday swing class does wonders for your body.

Why is dancing a great way to stay fit?
There's a number of ways that dance improves your health. For one thing, it's a social activity. When you're dancing, you're not staring at a treadmill, you're staring at another person; it's interactive. Physically, it works out every part of the body; it works muscles you forget about — small muscles. Dancing burns around 275 calories in a 45-minute session. That's more than running.

What styles of dance give the best workout?
Foxtrot and jive. They build up a lot of stamina. The rumba, too. Some slow dances are great because they require more control and balance. Any ballroom dancing with a partner adds pressure. When you dance by yourself, you have no resistance. When you dance with a partner you have control, you are more aware and the mind is engaged too.

What should you look for in a dance class?
Start with salsa: It's simple and there's a lot of hip action, which works the mid-section.

Are there certain dance moves that people should incorporate into their exercise routine?
Stretching exercises are so important. They activate the body. ... It doesn't need to be extensive if you do it right. Five minutes gets the whole body activated and you're good for the day.

How does what you wear affect how you move?
Start with the right shoes. This is not a pitch. If you are a tennis player or a mountain climber, you wear the right shoes. I worked on a new design with Capezio that gives the right support and tension. The shoe should have flexibility and strength. All exercise is balance-based and without shoe support, you can hurt yourself. People ask me what's the secret of being a great dancer and I say great balance.

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Health notes

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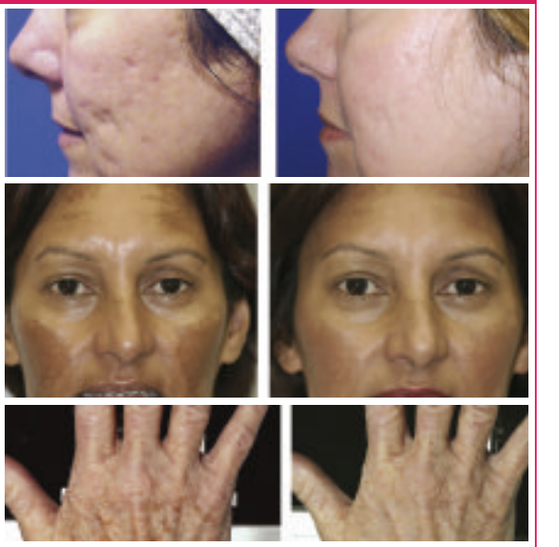

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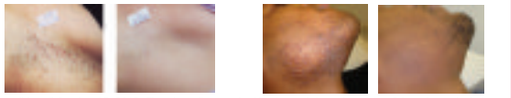

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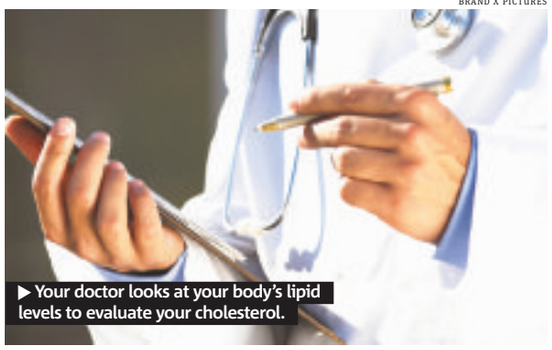

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Are our pols all lone wolves?

Is the Barack Obama who said yesterday, "It's hard to serve as president for all Americans when you've disdainfully written off half the nation," really the same Barack Obama who told then minority leader Eric Cantor in 2009, "I can go it alone. ... Look at the polls. The polls are pretty good for me right now. Elections have consequences. And Eric, I won. So on that, I think I trump you."?

NICK MCNULTY, MEDFORD, MASS.

Commentary chain reveals broken word

RE: "JUDGING A BOOK BY WHAT IT COVERS" (METRO, SEPT. 18) Letter writer Bob Trumbetta's criticism of Conn Carroll's column on Bob Woodward's book follows the Democrat playbook of demonizing their opponents. He offers no evidence to support his position. Meanwhile, there's plenty of factual evidence supporting Woodward: The Obamacare bill contains no meaningful tort reform. Obama's budget was voted down 97-0 in the Senate. Don't forget "shovel-ready jobs" that Obama later had to admit weren't.

JIM FLETCHER, VIA E-MAIL

Veteran neither victim nor moocher

My grandfather is 90 years old and dependent on the government. He married, went to college, started a business, worked his whole life, paid a lot of taxes, raised four children, was a World War II veteran and is a lifelong Republican. He is personally responsible for his success and ability to live the American dream. My grandfather is not a "victim," but he is dependent on two government programs he paid into his entire life: Medicare and Social Security. Apparently that make him entitled.

CARL HANSON, VIA E-MAIL

Numbers just don't add up for retiree

For decades the government has admonished retirees: "Social Security (SS), alone, will not suffice during your retirement and you will need 'additional income' to live." However, many inequities exist within the present IRS tax code for people who collect SS and supplement their SS with "additional income."

I and my retired colleagues are devastated by the way the SS surcharge is added to the taxable income.

When the SS reaches $.85 per dollar of taxable income, and the income bracket is 25 percent, each dollar earned incurs a tax burden of 46.25 percent. This is a very excessive tax burden for people who need additional money to live. Even if the bracket is only 15 percent, the tax burden is a prohibitive 27.75 percent.

This seems even more unfair since wealthy politicians have recently disclosed that they can avoid almost all income taxes by utilizing esoteric tax avoidance schemes. By using "loopholes," the wealthy transfer additional financial burden to the middle class.

The middle class retiree, who needs to generate "additional income" (to live), has to pay a prohibitively high tax rate while the conniving wealthy can avoid their fair share of taxes.

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Horoscope

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Someone or something could light a fire under your creative capabilities and ignite a brilliant new idea. Act on it immediately.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** If you aren't pleased with your present financial status, try to improve things. You'll likely be surprised at what your actions generate.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** You won't want to let an associate undertake something that you know you can do better. Thus, should it become necessary for you to assert yourself, don't hesitate to do so.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** It's a mistake to depend too heavily on another's help in order to fulfill an ambitious objective. If you can't rustle up the support, make sure you have the resources to go it alone.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** There is someone within your peer group who has a facility for stirring things up. For harmony's sake, it would be best not to identify too closely with this individual.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** In your attempt to gratify a personal interest, you should be careful not to alienate anybody in the process. If you're perceived as being too self-serving, it could hurt your image.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** If your feelings override your intellect, you're not likely to perform too well. Strive to evaluate critical conditions from a logical perspective rather than from an emotional one.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** The control of a project that you're closely identified with is about to shift. You'll be much happier working under the new powers-that-be than you were with the previous.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Watch out if you're operating in close proximity to a strong-willed individual. Don't let him or her push you around and make decisions for you that do not serve your best interest.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** The type of attitude you adopt will either make things more difficult or easier, depending upon which you choose. Don't blow things out of proportion.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Don't take a chance on anything that could end in disaster if you make even a slight error. Even if the odds appear to be tilted in your favor, play it close to the vest.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Failing to find any productive expression for your mental and/or physical energies could put you in an irritable mood. Try to avoid all insignificant or senseless involvements.

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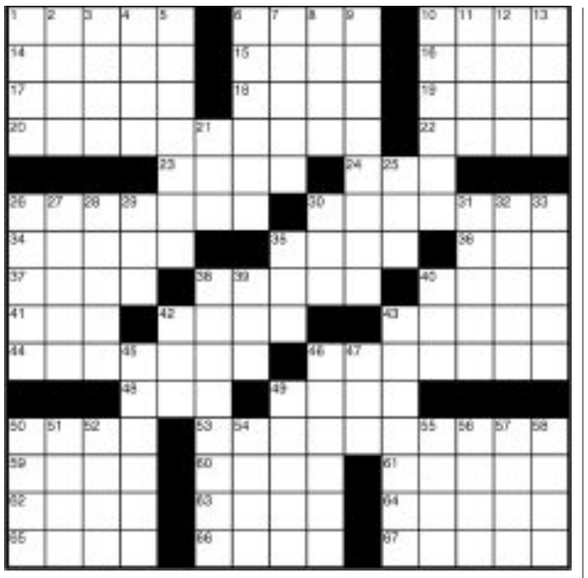

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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MARTELLUS IN CHARGE

Bennett has emerged as potent third option in Giants' passing attack ◗ Outspoken tight end fills lead role for first time ◗ 'This is all new to me'

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▶ Martellus Bennett caught a 33-yard bomb from Eli Manning in the fourth quarter to put the Giants ahead in the second half for the first time.

While offensive coordinator Kevin Gilbride thinks it will take a committee to fill the No. 3 receiver role, there's one guy who's gotten off to fast start this season — tight end Martellus Bennett.

The fifth-year player has shown the Giants' staff flashes of brilliance since coming over from the Cowboys this year, after serving as All-Pro Jason Witten's little-used understudy for the previous four seasons. Bennett has posted back-to-back solid games for the Giants, with a combined nine receptions, 112 yards and two scores.

"[Eli Manning and the coaches] have confidence in me and they know I can play and they know I can make plays. It's been good for me to be able to show the type of player I am," said Bennett. "I think people probably never really think much of me, but it's not the battle I'm fighting right now. As long as these guys in this locker room and this organization think a lot of me as a football player, that's all that really matters."

Bennett has made the tight end position matter for the Giants, which is a considerable achievement due to the upheaval at the position over the last two seasons. The Giants entered this season with a new starting tight end for the third straight season, following the 2011 defection of Kevin Boss and this summer's waiver-wire loss of Jake Ballard to the Patriots.

Bennett said it's still weird for him to hear his name as a part of opposing defense's game plan.

"I think this is the first time everyone's actually game planning for me," he said. "This is all new to me."

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ON TV TOMORROW

Giants at Panthers
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Injury updates

With a much shorter turnaround than usual, the Giants will likely be without a few injured players tomorrow.

- **RT David Diehl** (knee) didn't practice at all yesterday. He's officially listed as questionable, but Coughlin wasn't encouraged: "It's highly unlikely [he'll play], but I would still hold out hope."
- Coughlin was even more cryptic than usual about **RB Ahmad Bradshaw**, who injured his neck Sunday. He said he was "day-to-day" and twice responded "neck" when asked about the nature of the injury.
- One player who did practice was **CB Prince Amukamara** (ankle), albeit in limited participation. He might be held out again, though. "We'll see," Coughlin said. "I'm not ready to say [he'll play] yet."

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Escobar apologizes for slur

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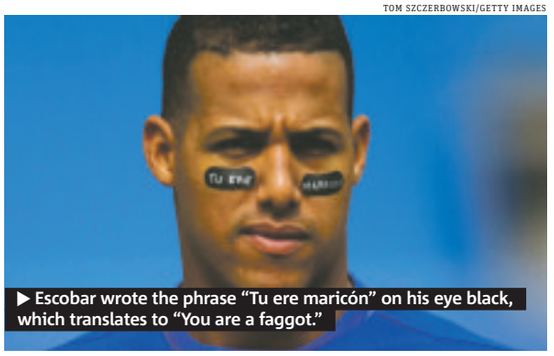

▶ Escobar wrote the phrase "Tu ere maricón" on his eye black, which translates to "You are a faggot."

Roughly 10 minutes before taking the field against the Red Sox on Saturday, Blue Jays shortstop Yunel Escobar applied his usual eye black with writing under his eyes. Three days later, he was forced to apologize for its content.

While no member of the Blue Jays noticed the anti-gay slur written in Spanish, photographs of it quickly surfaced online from fans and from Getty Images.

Escobar was summoned to the office of MLB Commissioner Bud Selig's and handed a three-game suspension by the Blue Jays.

"I'm sorry for the actions of the other day," Escobar said through a translator during a 30-minute news conference at Yankee Stadium. "It was not something I intended to be offensive. It was something I just put on the sticker on my face as a joke. There was nothing intentional directed at anyone in particular.

"I don't have anything against homosexuals. I have friends who are gay. In reality I'd like to ask for the apologies of all those who have been offended by this."

Escobar's actions will cost him roughly $92,500 in salary, which will be donated to the Toronto-based "You Can Play Organization" and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD).

Asked to explain the meaning of the words, Escobar stated that it's a phrase often uttered by Latin players.

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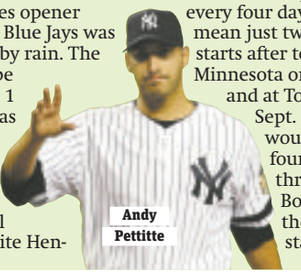
Pettitte start pushed back by rainout

Andy Pettitte waited almost three months to get back on the mound after breaking his left ankle. Waiting another day shouldn't be a problem.

The series opener against the Blue Jays was postponed by rain. The game will be made up at 1 p.m. today as the first half of a split doubleheader. Pettitte will start opposite Henderson Alvarez, while Ricky Romero, who was scheduled to start against Pettitte last night, will face David Phelps at 7 p.m.

The rainout throws a kink into the Yankees' plan to start Pettitte four more times before the regular season ends. The team has no off days until the end of the season and pitching every four days would mean just two more starts after today — at Minnesota on Sept. 24 and at Toronto on Sept. 29. They would have just four games left, three against Boston, after the Toronto start. METRO



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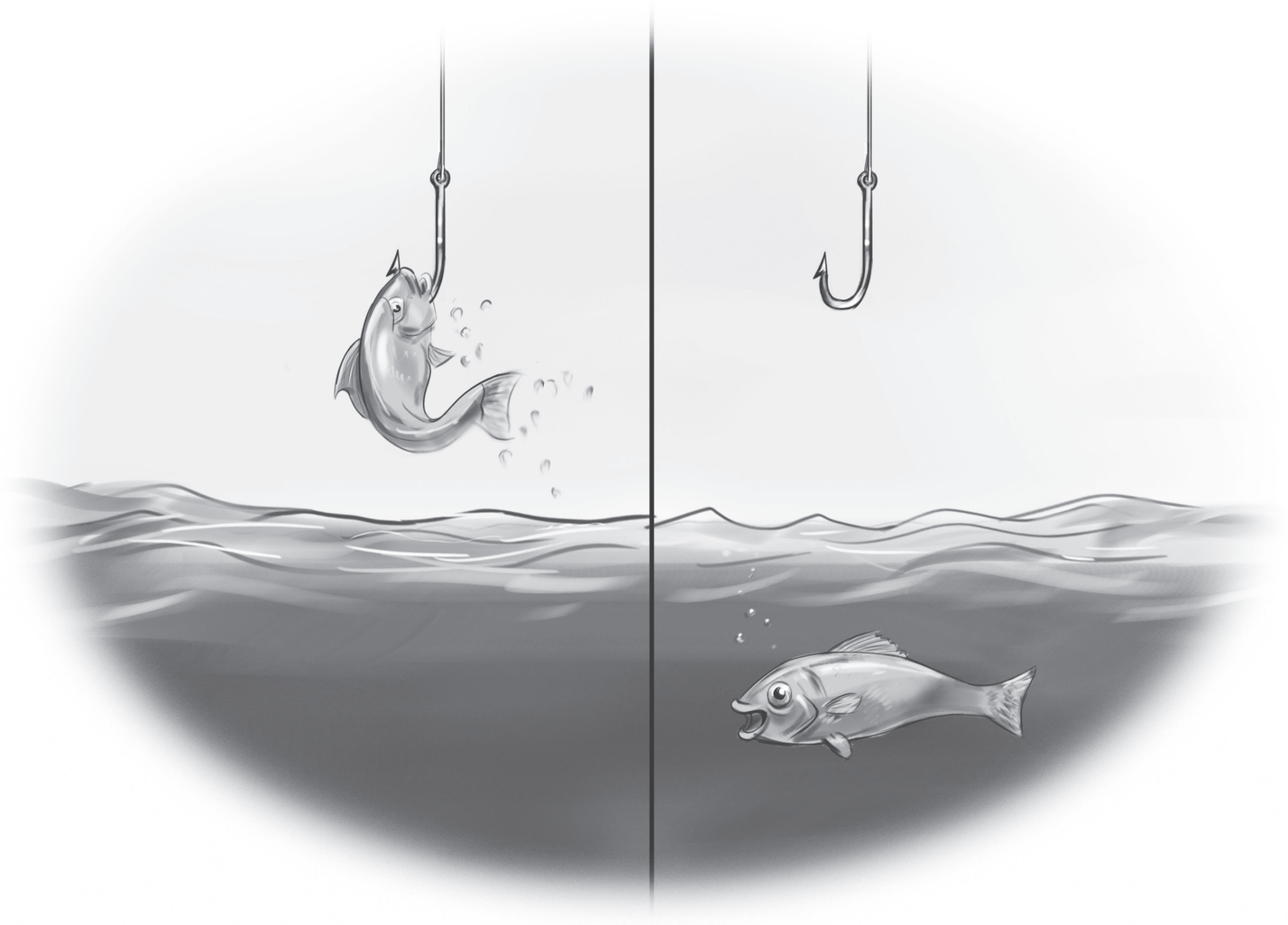

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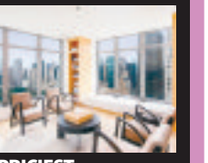

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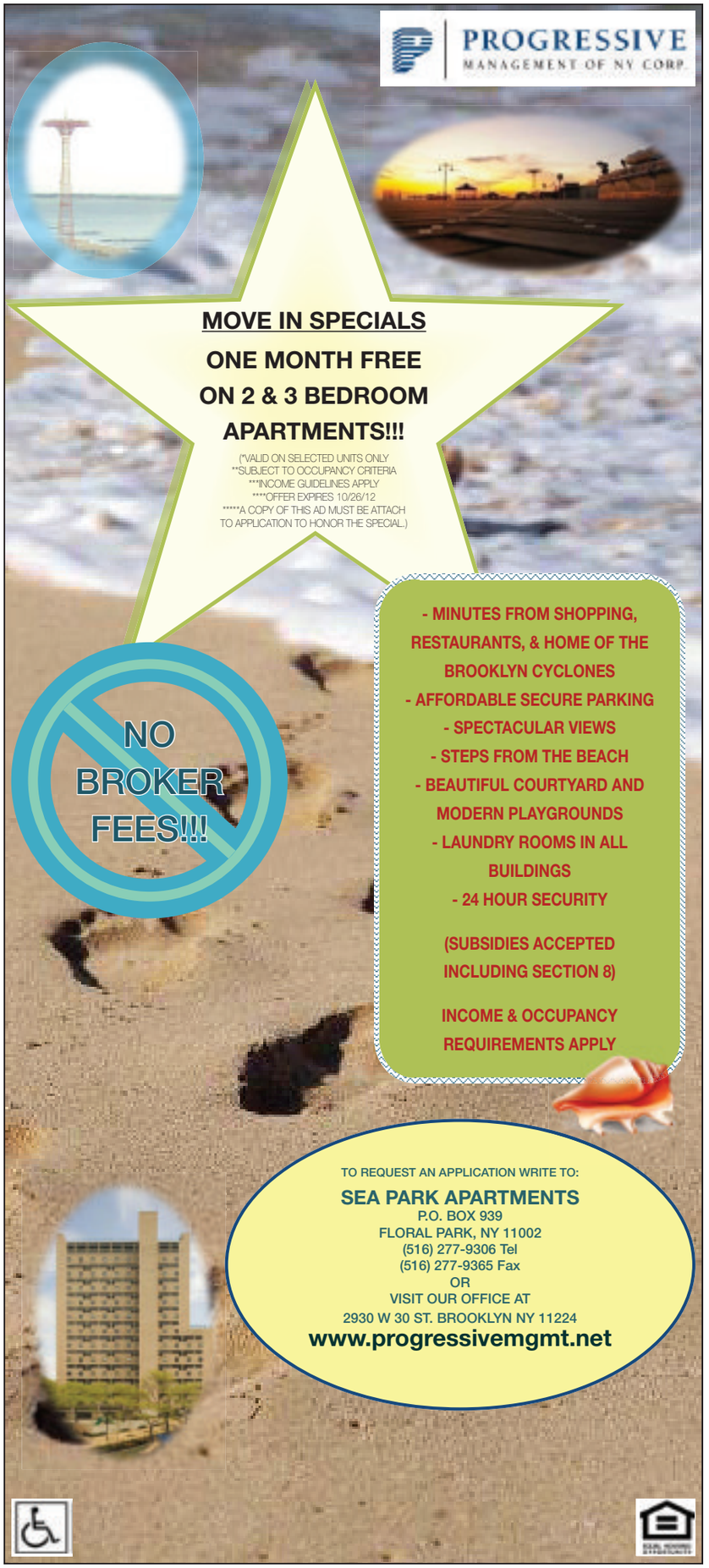

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Paying up for extras

As the market tightens, buyers spend more for 'add-ons' like storage, parking and rooftop cabanas

Purchasing a New York apartment has long been viewed as a smart investment. But do optional extras — like parking spots or rooftop cabanas — hold their value over time?

During the real estate downturn, the answer seemed to be no, with developers often giving away — or deeply discounting — these extra features. But as the market tightens, buyers and renters are paying higher prices for optional add-ons.

After the financial crisis, extras "were negotiated more or used to hold an apartment's purchase price," said Stephen Kliegerman, president of Halstead Property Development Marketing. But in the last year, he said, "we're getting our asking prices, and we're able to charge full for the add-ons."

When new condo One Brooklyn Bridge Park, for example, started sales in 2007, it had 24 outdoor cabanas and 132 parking spaces available for residents to purchase. Since then, 19 cabanas and 30 parking spaces have been sold, according to Penelope Stipanovich, an MNS broker.

While the building's developer had to discount these extras during the downturn to get them to move, she said they're now selling for their full asking prices of $150,000 to $200,000 for cabanas, and $150,000 per parking space. JANE C. TIMM

▶ A cabana at DUMBO's 70 Washington Street ranges from $70,000 to $150,000.

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Room to grow

Developers use add-on sales to monetize parts of their properties that can't be used for apartments, explained Frances Katzen, a managing director at Prudential Douglas Elliman.

"The developer has bought land, and if it's not able to be [used] as a residential area," she said, "he can turn it into a garage and unload it [at] a very high premium."

Last month, Alchemy Properties launched 291 Union Street, a new condo in Carroll Gardens that offers buyers the option of purchasing basement storage units and parking spaces. Alchemy founder and president Kenneth Horn said these days, whenever space in his buildings permits, he tries to include optional extras. "It helps us sell the building."

Even rentals are adding more. The new building Ten23 in Chelsea offers tenants the option of leasing private backyards off the eighth floor. The four backyards rent for an additional $1,000 per month, with full-year leases, according to the building's rental office. Two of the four backyards have been rented since the building launched this winter.

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Package deals

Optional extras are usually separate transactions from apartment sales, with their own prices and deeds. But, especially in today's difficult climate, that can present some challenges since banks won't finance a cabana or a parking space on its own.

In response, developers have started to combine the deeds of add-ons and the apartments into one so buyers can more easily arrange financing.

Katzen, however, noted some drawbacks to add-ons: When buyers purchase additional portions of the land, for example, they also take on the property tax fees — something that doesn't occur when residents rent storage or parking spaces.

And while people will always need a place to live, the demand for cabanas and other trendy extras may not be around forever.

"It's a risky purchase," she said. "Will the market support paying $200,000 for a cabana in five years? ... People may be over it."

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On the market

Sarah Jessica Parker lists Greenwich Village townhouse for $25 million

"Sex and the City" star Sarah Jessica Parker and her actor husband, Matthew Broderick, spent several years house-hunting before finally settling on a 25-foot-wide townhouse in Greenwich Village last year. Now, 18 months later, the pair has listed their dream home for sale.

The townhouse, at 20 E. 10th St., hit the market yesterday, according to Streeteasy.com. It has a price tag of $25 million, significantly more than the $19 million the couple paid for it just last year. Parker and Broderick bought the property in March 2011, according to Streeteasy.com. The sellers were media magnate Cliff Ng and former fashion model Farrah Summerford.

Sarah Jessica Parker

The Greek Revival-style townhouse features five bedrooms and 12-foot ceilings, according to the listing. It also has tight security systems, perfect for a celebrity, including security cameras that store data for up to a month.

Parker, best known for her "Sex and the City" character Carrie Bradshaw, has been in regular attendance at New York Fashion Week, including a Lincoln Center event celebrating designer Oscar de la Renta. The actress has reportedly been spotted hunting for apartments this year. She even eyed some properties in Brooklyn. Sources told the Daily Mail that the actress' 10th Street home does not offer her enough privacy.

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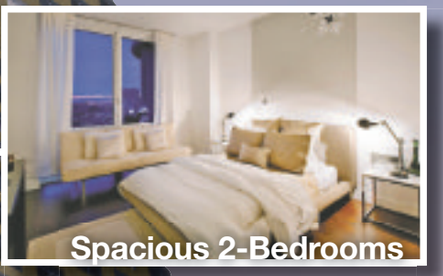

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